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SUBJECT: U.S. RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND

REFS: A. BANGKOK 18878; B. BANGKOK 18879

1. REF. A VERY USEFUL HERE. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE ENTIRE PACKAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE FINAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED HERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURES.

2. WITH REGARD TO ICS, YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF STATE 163533. BASED ON THE DATA CONTAINED IN THAT MESSAGE REQUEST YOU SUBMIT A NEW DRAFT PROPOSAL.

3. AIT. THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO, LEGAL BASIS FOR USING MAP FUNDS EITHER TO FINANCE SALARIES OF US OR THAI PERONNEL OR TO PAY FOR MATERIELS USED FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF AIT STOCKS SINCE SUCH STOCKS ARE NOT

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MAP ASSETS. DA IS PREPARING A SEPARATE LOA FOR THE

STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIT AMMUNITION. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE LOA WILL BE FORWARDED TO MACTHAI ON OR ABOUT 9 JULY 76. ENABLING LEGISLATION WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT ON 30 JUNE. WE WILL PROVIDE SPECIFIC COMMENTS SEPTEL ON THE DRAFT YOU SUBMITTED IN BANGKOK 19159.

4. CHIANG MAI. IT IS USAF'S INTENTION TO BAIL THE EQUIPMENT TO THE THAI. THE DETERMINATION AS TO TRANSFER OF TITLE WILL BE MADE UPON TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF THE FACILITY.

5. REGARDING THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUBMITTED IN REF B, CONCUR SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING CHANGES: A. PARA 1. DELETE WORD "SECURITY". B. PARA 2, AND WHEREVER APPLICABLE, ENTER "UNITED STATES AIR FORCE" FOR U.S. AGENCY. C. PARA 4, ADD: "EXCEPT UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PERSONNEL SELECTED BY THE (THAI AGENCY) FOR TRAINING WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE STATION FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS." D. PARA 5, DELETE "THE SECURITY OF". E. PARA 6, DELETE "THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF". COMMENT: WITH DELETION OF REFERENCES TO NATIONAL SECURITY, WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN PUBLISHING SUBJECT AGREEMENT AS AN UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENT. F. PARA 6, AMEND TO READ, IN PART: "... AGREES TO PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS...". G. PARA 9, AMEND TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "9. THIS MOU SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE BY BOTH PARTIES. AFTER THIS MOU HAS BEEN IN FORCE FOR THREE YEARS, IT MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY ON ONE YEAR'S WRITTEN NOTICE."

6. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED YOUR 19199. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT ANY NEW OVERALL POLICY OR PACKAGE AGREEMENT MIGHT ONLY CONFUSE MATTERS. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER A SITUATION IN WHICH OUR OVERALL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THAILAND WAS EXPRESSED IN TWO BASIC, PRE-EXISTING DOCUMENTS -- THE MANILA PACT AND THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF 1950 -- AND THE DETAILED, TECHNICAL, AND CURRENT EXPRESSION OF THIS
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RELATIONSHIP WAS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL EMERGE FROM THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH AN OUTCOME COULD AVOID INTERMINISTERIAL PROBLEMS IN BANGKOK AND COULD ALSO AVOID RAISING ANY FALSE CONCERNS IN WASHINGTON THAT WE WERE ENTERING INTO SOME NEW SOUTHEAST ASIAN ENTANGLEMENT.

7. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED BANGKOK 19316 AND WILL COMMENT

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